



Redeemer Lutheran Church

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

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March 2020

The Great Exchange

Isaiah 53:5

“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Life is filled with exchanges. Employees exchange forty hours for a paycheck. Fans exchange forty dollars for a seat at the game (and then exchange another ten dollars for a hotdog and drink)! Every day we exchange time, money, effort, and emotion for what we hope brings us joy, peace, and satisfaction.

The Bible speaks about exchanges, too. It says that God does not want us to have any sin. In fact, He says that if we do sin, we cannot live with Him because He is a sinless, holy God. Sin is so serious to God that He pronounces the death penalty for anyone who sins. He says, “*The wages of sin is death*” (Romans 6:23) and “*The soul who sins is the one who will die*” (Ezekiel 18:20). So, who can ever hope to stand in God’s presence and enjoy His favor? For try as we might, we are not perfect. Sinful thoughts, words, and acts clutter our lives.

There is good news, however. In love for us, God made an exchange. Instead of holding us under

His judgment for all our wrongdoing, He placed His Son under judgment instead of us. The Bible is speaking about Jesus when it says, “*He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*”



That is a great exchange! Jesus came and exchanged His life for ours. Our transgressions (times when we fail to live according to God’s holy will) were taken away when Jesus was pierced on the cross. Our iniquities (all the things we think or do that don’t measure up to God’s perfect will) were taken away when Jesus was crushed in death. Our punishment was paid

for by Jesus.

Through Jesus you have peace with God. Through His wounds you are given life with God. Through Jesus you are forgiven and loved by God. Yes, you! God chose to make that exchange for you.

Lenten Worship

Midweek Lenten services begin with a communion service on February 26 at 7 PM. The theme this year will be: “Learn of Him.” Be sure to set this time aside.

February 26: ... to pray — Pastor Weber

March 4: ... to serve — Pastor Biedenbender

March 11: ... to love — Pastor Weber

March 18: ... to speak the truth — Pastor Biedenbender

March 25: ... to bear the cross — Pastor Weber

April 1: ... to forgive — Pastor Biedenbender

April 9: The Lord is gracious and compassionate

April 10: ... to die

April 12: ... to rise

Soup/Sandwich Suppers

Before each of our mid-week services, there will be a soup and sandwich supper, beginning at 6 PM. There is a sign-up sheet to indicate what you would be willing to bring for each supper.

Lord’s Blessings to You

We join these members of Redeemer in thanking God as they celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary.

08 – Stephanie Lintemuth

15 – Corky Hollister

20 – Jeff Nickols

22 – Karen Cushway

24 - Warren & Cindy Garvey

26 – Kamryn Cushway

27 – Fran Doerr

29 – Dolly Blankstrom

May the Lord’s blessings continue to flow in your lives and homes as you live for Him. May

His presence, love, and goodness be with you in another year of life and marriage.

Women’s Bible Study

On Monday, March 16, we will hold a Women’s Bible Study. It will begin at 5 PM.

Upcoming Events

March 8 - Church Council at 8:30 AM

March 16 - Women’s Bible Study at 5 PM

Attendance & Offerings

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
1/26	40	\$2050.00	14	11	
2/2	47	\$1429.00	22	11	6
2/9	40	\$1642.00	26	10	
2/16	31	\$1246.00	15	10	



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Come Worship With Us
Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM



“Your word is a
lamp to my feet and
a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

Growing in the Word: Monthly Bible Reading Plan March 2020

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| March 1 - Genesis 6 | March 20 - Luke 11:1-13 |
| March 2 - Genesis 7:1-8:19 | March 21 - Luke 11:14-36 |
| March 3 - Genesis 8:20-9:29 | March 22 - Luke 11:37-52 |
| March 4 - Genesis 10:1-11:9 | March 23 - Luke 11:53-12:12 |
| March 5 - Genesis 11:10-13:4 | March 24 - Luke 12:13-34 |
| March 6 - Genesis 13:5-14:24 | March 25 - Luke 12:35-39 |
| March 7 - Genesis 15 | March 26 - Luke 13:1-17 |
| March 8 - Genesis 16, 17 | March 27 - Luke 13:18-35 |
| March 9 - Genesis 18 | March 28 - Luke 14:1-24 |
| March 10 - Genesis 19 | March 29 - Luke 14:25-35 |
| March 11 - Genesis 20:1-21:21 | March 30 - Luke 15 |
| March 12 - Genesis 21:22-22:24 | March 31 - Luke 16:1-31 |
| March 13 - Genesis 23 | |
| March 14 - Genesis 24:1-60 | |
| March 15 - Genesis 24:61-25:34 | |
| March 16 - Genesis 26 | |
| March 17 - Luke 9:57-10:12 | |
| March 18 - Luke 10:13-24 | |
| March 19 - Luke 10:25-42 | |